

**State of Texas**  
**Texas Racing Commission**

Official Ruling # SHRP4811

of the

Board of Stewards

SAM HOUSTON RACE PARK

OWNER-TRAINER	VACCA, JOSEPH	License #	38355
Ruling Date:	07/15/2014	Violation Date:	05/03/2014
Redistribute Purse:	Yes		

Rules Violated:

311.104	TRAINER/ABSOLUTE INSURER
319.3	DRUG POSITIVE OR PERMITTED MEDICATION VIOLATION
319.302	REASONABLE OVERSIGHT OF ANIMAL

Owner - Trainer Joseph Vacca was duly noticed and appeared with his attorney, Mr. Lester J. Gauthier, for a formal hearing before the Retama Park Board of Stewards on 7/11/14. The Board of Stewards considered all the documentary evidence and testimony presented at the hearing.

Mr. Vacca is hereby fined ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars and suspended for one year, (7/23/14 through 7/22/15) because a post race sample (#SH054684) taken from his horse, "Dash For Cache," that won the 10th race at Sam Houston Race Park on 5/3/14 tested positive for Methamphetamine and Amphetamine, Class 1 drugs.

First violation within 365 days.

The horse, "Dash For Cache," is hereby disqualified and declared unplaced in the 10th race at Sam Houston Race Park on 5/3/14 and the purse is ordered redistributed as follows:

1. (9) SS Paydirt
2. (2) Rockin Disco
3. (10) Loves Brown Sugar
4. (1) The Field Cricket
5. (5) Barackazoom
6. (6) Pyro
7. (4) Prince Valleyant
8. (3) Nash Jolla
9. (8) Runaway Wagon

Unplaced: (7) Dash For Cache.

During the term of this suspension Mr. Joseph Vacca is denied access to all areas under the jurisdiction of the Texas Racing Commission. Entry of horses owned or trained by Mr. Joseph Vacca is denied pending

By Order of the Board of Stewards

ANNE ALLEY  
DAVID ROLLINSON  
FRED WINCH JR

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transfer to a party approved by a Board of Stewards.

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**Supplement # 1**

08/05/2014

On July 21, 2014, the Commission received an appeal, appeal bond, and request for a stay. (The appellant had faxed a copy of the appeal and of the cashier's check on July 17.) The appellant did not pay the fine. On July 24, 2014, Executive Director Trout granted a stay of the suspension for six months.

**Supplement # 2**

03/18/2015

On February 10, 2015, the Commission took final action on the proposal for decision in this case, which upheld Stewards' Ruling SHRP 4811. As the stay granted to Mr. Vacca expired on January 23, 2015, his suspension took effect on January 24, 2015 and will continue in effect until January 24, 2016. As of February 10, 2015, Mr. Vacca has not paid the \$10,000 fine.